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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 21, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Abstract are presented as a new Abstract attached to this document for insertion after the claim pages of the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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